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1. The parachute training camp is northwest of Wartenberg, occupying an area 4,000 by 3,000 m. There are permanent barracks, but in the summer tents are also used.
2. Work on a considerable scale is being done at the camp. A portion at the north end is already complete, and transport planes can land and take off. The territory is quite unfavorable and cannot be used during heavy rains; there are hills and woods, which are used by the parachutists to accustom them to all types of terrain.
3. At the camp, beside flyers and technical troops, there is stationed a parachute battalion. It consists of: a staff, 65 men; a quartermaster group, 50 to 55 men; a reserve company, 100 men; 1st Company, 100 to 120 men; 2nd Company 110 to 115 men; 3rd Company, 110 to 115 men. All are armed with machine pistols. 25X1
4. The Czech parachutists have very few reserves, for which reason it was decided to give parachute training to reservists from other formations. In Jun 1953, infantry reservists of the class of 1928 were brought to the camp for training. The morale of these reservists was distinctly poor.
5. The battalion is only partly motorized. The quartermaster group has six trucks. When more transport is needed for maneuvers, it is furnished by the air force.
6. Active parachutists make two jumps a week, using six transport planes, each with a capacity of 25 men.

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